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SUBJECT: RESULTS OF APRIL 24 JCCIA MEETING

1. LPF REPRESENTATIVE PHAO BOUNNAPHOL TOLD PRESS ON APRIL 24 THAT JOINT CENTRAL COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT (JCCIA) IN MEETING HELD THAT DAY HAD STUDIED THE SITUATIONS AT DAN SOUNG AND NAGNANG (MR V) AND AT SALA PHOU KHOUN AND PHOU SOUNG (MR II) AT LENGTH. (THIS WAS FIRST JCCIA PLENARY SINCE MARCH 20.)

2. IN DAN SOUNG/NAGNANG AREA, JCCIA HAD DECIDED THAT THE TWO SIDES SHOULD SEPARATE THEIR FORCES AND THAT A JCCIA MIXED TEAM SHOULD BE DISPATCHED TO THE SCENE APRIL 26 TO CHECK ON THE SITUATION. A JCCIA MIXED MOBILE TEAM WILL BE STATIONED AT BA NA SONE TO ENSURE THE FIGHTING DOES NOT START UP AGAIN.

3. REGARDING SALA PHOU KHOUN AREA, HOWEVER, PHAO SAID THERE WOULD HAVE TO BE FURTHER DISCUSSIONS AND STUDY BEFORE JCCIA COULD MAKE A DECISION. HE AND COLONEL SOMBOUN VONGPHRACHAN, VIENTIANE SIDE DELEGATE, WOULD CONSULT ON

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SITUATION. PHAO CRITICIZED VIENTIANE SIDE'S ACTIONS AT

SALA PHOU KHOUN. (COMMENT: JCCIA'S FAILURE TO ACT ON SALA PHOU KHOUN APPEARS TO RUN COUNTER TO CABINET'S APRIL 23 DIRECTIVE, REPORTED SEPTEL, THAT BOTH SIDES WITHDRAW AND A JCCIA TEAM VISIT THE AREA IMMEDIATELY.)

4. PHAO THEN REPORTED THAT THE LPF HAD RAISED SEVERAL FAMILIAR ISSUES REGARDING NEUTRALIZATION OF VIENTIANE: WITHDRAWAL OF ZLCESS FAR TROOPS, "NEUTRALIZATION" OF THE MILITARY SIDE OF WATTAY AIRPORT, AND A CENSUS OF THE CITY'S POPULATION.

5. HE ADDED THAT THE LPF WANTED TO SEND A MIXED JCCIA TEAM TO XIENG KHOUANG PROVINCE TO SURVEY REFUGEES WHO MIGHT WISH TO RETURN TO THE LPF ZONE BUT THAT THUS FAR THE MILITARY REGION II COMMAND HAD REFUSED TO ALLOW TEAM TO OPERATE. IN ADDITION, PHAO SAID GENERAL VANG PAO SHOULD DISBAND HIS "SPECIAL FORCE TROOPS."

6. FINALLY, PHAO REPORTED THAT ANOTHER BOUNDARY STAKE, DELIMITING THE TWO ZONES OF CONTROL, HAD BEEN PLACED IN THE BAN PHALANE AREA OF SAVANNAKHET PROVINCE, MR III. THIS IS THE 17TH SUCH STAKE OF THE 27 CALLED FOR IN PROTOCOL TO VIENTIANE AGREEMENT.
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